PROPOSED CLAIMS

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Please cancel claim 34. Please add new claims 35 and 36.

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20. A conjugate, comprising a heart homing peptide linked to a moiety, said heart homing peptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of

GGGVFWQ (SEQ ID NO: 2);

HGRVRPH (SEQ ID NO: 3);

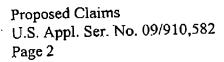
VVLVTSS (SEQ ID NO: 4);

CLHRGNSC (SEQ ID NO: 9); and

CRSWNKADNRSC (SEQ ID NO: 10), or a functionally equivalent

modification peptidomimetic thereof.

- 21. The conjugate of claim 20, wherein said moiety is selected from the group consisting of a therapeutic agent, a detectable agent and a tag.
- 22. The conjugate of claim 20, wherein said therapeutic agent is a vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF).
- 23. The conjugate of claim 20, wherein said therapeutic agent is a fibroblast growth factor (FGF).



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24. A method of treating a cardiovascular disease in a subject, comprising administering to a subject in need thereof a conjugate comprising a heart homing peptide linked to a therapeutic agent,

said peptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of

GGGVFWQ (SEQ ID NO: 2);

HGRVRPH (SEQ ID NO: 3);

VVLVTSS (SEQ ID NO: 4);

CLHRGNSC (SEQ ID NO: 9); and

CRSWNK ADNRSC (SEQ ID NO: 10), or a functionally equivalent

modification peptidomimetic thereof.

- 25. The method of claim 24, wherein said cardiovascular disease is atherosclerosis.
 - 26. The method of claim 24, wherein said cardiovascular disease is restenosis.

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31. A conjugate, comprising a peptide that selectively homes to ischemic tissue, said peptide linked to a moiety.

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32. The conjugate of claim 31, said peptide comprising an the amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of

GGGVFWQ (SEQ ID NO: 2):

HGRVRPH (SEQ ID NO: 3);

VVLVTSS (SEQ ID NO: 4):

CLHRGNSC (SEQ ID NO: 9); and

CRSWNKADNRSC (SEQ ID NO: 10), or a functionally equivalent

peptidomimetic thereof.

- 33. The conjugate of claim 32, wherein said moiety is selected from the group consisting of a therapeutic agent, a detectable agent and a tag.
- 34. A method of treating ischemic disease in a subject, comprising administering a conjugate comprising an ischemic tissue selective peptide that selectively homes to ischemic tissue, said peptide linked to a moiety.
- 35. The method of claim 24, wherein said cardiovascular disease comprises ischemia.
- 36. A conjugate, comprising a heart homing peptide that selectively homes to cardiac tissue, comprising an amino acid sequence that has a length of less than 100 amino acids.